

# **Recreation Volunteers**

The Cincinnati Recreation Commission (CRC) is proud of its history with volunteers. Over 40,000 volunteer hours are logged each year to help the organization improve its programs and facilities. Whether you are seeking an individual or group opportunity, you will find it with CRC. Below is a list of current volunteer activities and events where your help could be used.

## **Community and Senior Centers**

The CRC operates 32 Community or Senior Centers throughout Cincinnati Volunteers do a variety of functions at each. Here is a sampling:

Art Teacher Handyman
Bingo Homework Tutor
Choral Groups Kitchen Help

Coaching Phone

Computer Support Pre-school Monitor Dance/Fitness Instructor Receptionists

Event Organizers Tournament Organizers

Gardening Trip Organizers

### **Group Projects**

### **Community Build Playground Program**

CRC initiated the Community Build Playground Program in 1998. The purpose of the program was to involve community and corporate groups of volunteers to help build new playgrounds throughout the city

### 1000 Hands Project

The 1000 Hands Project is the ultimate in community built playgrounds. Six 1000 Hands Playgrounds have been built since 1998. Maintaining the playgrounds has become a yearly event for volunteers.

### **Community Center Re-habs**

Throughout each year the Cincinnati Recreation Commission partners with many different corporate and service organizations to do needed maintenance to its facilities. Most projects are geared towards the Community Centers and most involve painting, cleaning and landscaping.

### **Special Events**

The Cincinnati Recreation Commission hosts a series of large events throughout the year that require the use of volunteers for the day. Those events are as follows:

**Southwest Ohio Senior Olympics**- Seniors, 50 and over compete in a variety of athletic events. Volunteers are used as timers, score keepers and hospitality

**Cincinnati Wheelchair Games**- Participants are wheelchair bound and compete in a variety of events. Volunteers are used as timers, score keepers and hospitality, greeters and huggers.

**Kidsfest**- Is the largest free festival for children in the country. Volunteers are used in a variety of ways.

**Riverfest**- Annual musical and fireworks event held at Sawyer Point and Yeatman's Cove. Over 400,000 people attend each year. Volunteers are used in a variety of ways.

**Great American Birthday Party**- Annual musical and fireworks festival celebrating the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Volunteers are used in a variety of ways.

### **Advisory Councils**

### Waterfront Advisory Board

The Waterfront Advisory Board comprises a list of 15 volunteers who make recommendations to the Waterfront staff on ways to improve its recreation facilities.

#### **Golf Advisory Board**

Volunteer Board members make recommendations to CRC staff and contractors on ways to improve CRC Golf Courses.

### **Athletic Advisory Councils**

Each Sport has a volunteer advisory council that make recommendations to CRC staff on ways to improve sports offerings in Cincinnati.

Baseball Tag Football – Men/Women

Soccer Tennis Volleyball Softball

### **Community Center Advisory Councils**

There are currently 27 active volunteer Advisory Councils that assist community center staff by making recommendations on programming and facilities.

## **Senior Center Advisory Councils**

There are currently 13 active volunteer Advisory Councils that assist Senior Center staff by making recommendations on programming and facilities.

If you or your group is interested in volunteering for the Cincinnati Recreation Commission, please send an e-mail to <a href="mailto:wayne.lurix@cincinnati-oh.gov">wayne.lurix@cincinnati-oh.gov</a>

Please include your area of interest and contact information If you have further questions, please call Wayne Lurix at 513-352-1616